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E.O. 11652: NA TAGS: EFIN, EEC

SUBJECT: COMMISSION PROPOSAL REGARDING THE GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT ON EXPORT CREDITS

- 1. MRS. ARCHIBALD GAVE THE MISSION JUNE 24 A MESSAGE REGARDING THE PROPOSED GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT AND ASKED THAT WE TRANSMIT IT TO UNDER SECRETARY BENNETT. TEXT FOLLOWS.
- 2. BEGIN TEXT: THE MEMBER STATES OF THE EEC AND THE COMMISSION HAVE CONSIDERED THE POINTS TO BE DISCUSSED AT OUR NEXT MEETING WHICH WE SET OUT BELOW. WILL YOU

PLEASE LET US KNOW WHETHER YOU THINK THAT THESE POINTS COULD FORM THE SUBSTANCE OF OUR PROPOSED GENTLEMAN'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGREEMENT, IT BEING UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS IS WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO OTHER MATTERS CONTAINED IN OUR ORI-

GINAL PROPOSAL.

IF SO, WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO COME TO WASHINGTON ON 10 JULY 1974.

IF NOT, WE DOUBT IF SUFFICIENT PROGRESS COULD BE MADE TO JUSTIFY OUR COMING AT THIS TIME.

POINT I: RELATING TO MAXIMUM LENGTH OF CREDIT
WE WOULD BE PRPARED TO ACCEPT A COMPROMISE TO
ASSIST YOU IN YOUR DIFFICULTIES IN ADOPTING OUR
POINT OF VIEW: AGREEMENT ON 8 AND ONE HALF YEARS CREDIT FOR
ALL COUNTRIES EXCEPT FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHERE 10
YEARS WOULD APPLY.

POINT 2: RELATING TO INTEREST RATE

AGREEMENT ON A MINIMUM RATE OF 7 PERCENT BY WHICH IS MEANT THE JAPANESE AND AMERICAN MIXED RATE OR THE FINANCING RATE OF FINANCIAL CREDITS OR THE REFINANCING RATE OF SUPPLIER CREDITS AND NOT THE CONTRACT RATE TO BE PAID BY THE BENEFICIARY OF THE CREDIT, GIVEN THAT THIS FINANCING OR REFINANCING RATE EXCLUDES ALL:

--BANK COMMISSIONS OTHER THAN THOSE ALREADY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT FOR CALCULATING PUBLIC MEASURES;

-- EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE CHARGES.

WE WOULD MOREOVER BE PREPARED TO SUBSCRIBE TO AN OBJECTIVE OF 8 PERCENT BEING A MINIMUM AVERAGE EFFECTIVE COST OF ALL COMMERCIAL EXPORTS CREDITS INCLUDING ADDITIONAL BANK CHARGES AND INSURANCE PREMIUMS (GUARANTEE FEES).

POINT 3: EXTENT OF THE GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE RESULTS THE GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT MUST BE CONFINED TO THE FOREGOING ASPECTS. HOWEVER, OTHER ASPECTS COULD BE DISUCSSED AT A LATER STAGE AS SOON AS IS CONVENIENT TO ALL PARTIES. END TEXT

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MRS. ARCHIBALD STATES THAT SHE HAS GIVEN A COPY OF THE MESSAGE TO MR. BENNETT TO THE JAPANESE MISSION IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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